

Marriage Ceremony

We are gathered here today to bring _____ (Groom) and _____ (Bride) together in marriage.

The contract of marriage is most solemn and is not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities.

_____ (Groom/Spouse), Do you take _____ (Bride/Spouse) to be your lawfully wedded (Wife/Spouse)?

Answer: I do

_____ (Bride/Spouse), Do you take _____ (Groom/Spouse) to be your lawfully wedded (Groom/Spouse)?

Answer: I do

If you would, please turn and face one another. _____ (Groom/Spouse) Please, take _____ (Bride/Spouse's) hands in yours and repeat after me:

I _____ (Name), take you _____ (Spouse's name) for my lawfully wedded (Wife/Spouse). To have and to hold... from this day forward.... for better or for worse... for richer or for poorer.... In sickness and in health... for the rest of our lives.

_____ (Bride/Spouse) please repeat after me:

I _____ (Name), take you _____ (Spouse's name) for my lawfully wedded (Husband/Spouse). To have and to hold... from this day forward.... for better or for worse... for richer or for poorer.... In sickness and in health... for the rest of our lives.

Ring Ceremony

Repeat: I _____ (name)... give you _____ (name)... this ring as an eternal symbol... of my love and commitment to you.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Maryland as Deputy Clerk for Cecil County, I now pronounce you Married. or Husband and Wife.